

**RUSHVILLE CITY COMMON COUNCIL**  
**TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2012**  
**6:00 P.M.**

The Rushville City Common Council met on the above date and time at 270 W 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., with Bob Bridges, Brian Conner, Craig Smith, Brad Berkemeier and Brian Sheehan answering roll call. Also present were City Attorney, Julie Newhouse, and Mike Selke, WIFE Radio.

**MINUTES**

Minutes of the February 21, 2012 meeting were presented for approval. Berkemeier made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Pavey reported the following:

- St. Patrick's Day parade is this Saturday. We are doing an Iraqi Freedom Parade and some participants in the parade are the National Guard; the Academy, formerly the Soldiers & Sailors Home. They will be sending a platoon of 60 youth and a color guard; the PHAF class will be carrying the American Flag.
- Paperwork has been drawn up, but not yet approved by Bungee's attorney regarding an agreement on the last piece of property for the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of 16<sup>th</sup> Street. This is in relation to the railroad crossing.
- Thanked everyone that attended the budget summit.
- We will be scheduling a meeting, hopefully toward the end of March, regarding the future of the old Park Restaurant building. The public will be invited.
- There has been discussion that Nine Star may be approaching the City for a utility easement under the river. The purpose is to provide fiber south of the river.
- I have been working with Jim Finan contacting the major employers in the City. We have visited Emerson and Intat. We will visit Trane on Friday.
- The Ag Round Table may be coming to the City asking us to endorse the Indiana Livestock Friendly Counties program as a marketing tool.
- Thank you to Jim Finan and those participating in the ECDC retreat.
- I took part in a conference call regarding the energy audit. The company will be coming to the next meeting to discuss the study with Council.
- Heavy Trash date has been scheduled.
- Spoke with INDOT in reference to the State Road 52 project. In the fiscal year 2012 they are planning to micro surface County Road 500 East to Hodges Branch. In 2013 they will be doing 3 small structures. In 2014 they will be doing small structures 3 miles East of Rushville, and pavement replacement from State Road 3 to 1.3 miles West of State Road 3.

**CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT**

None.

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**COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Bridges said there has been a request from Relay for Life for a possibility to use the old Park Restaurant during their relay which will be July 20 and 21<sup>st</sup>.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

**Police** – Tucker passed out his monthly report for February.

Informed Council that the Board of Works hired Jessica Schuck as a full time communication officer.

The rifles arrived today.

**Fire** – Jenkins handed out a report from Downey Insurance with safety suggestions.

Informed Council that they responded to the fire call in Milroy on Sunday.

**Street** – Tom Paul Owens has passed his test for CDL driver. The Board of Works agreed to increase his status from laborer to CDL Driver.

Heavy Trash will be April 23-27 north of the bridge. Heavy trash will be picked up south of the bridge the week of April 30-May 4. Residents are asked to put their trash out the week before it is scheduled to be picked up. The dump site will be open these 2 weeks and there will not be a charge to the City residents during this time.

**CITIZEN CONCERNS**

None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Traffic Study Willard Avenue and Rivercrest Drive** – Chief Tucker presented his traffic study for the area of Willard Avenue and Rivercrest Drive. He said in his opinion at this time there is not sufficient justification to place a stop sign at this intersection. He stated that there are trees and bushes that may cause visual obstructions. There is a speed limit sign for traffic heading East but not one for traffic traveling west. Councilman Sheehan thanked Tucker for the study.

**Second Reading of Trash Ordinance** – Pavey said there has been some question regarding the trash ordinance. He said the main purpose of the ordinance is to try to get away from trash being set out for days and being torn open by animals and spread throughout the neighborhood. This is not up to the Street Department to clean up the mess, but is the responsibility of the resident. Berkemeier asked if we need more

clarification. It seems the main question being presented is if the resident will be fined if they put their trash out, but do not have a lid on the trash can. Sheehan said the goal is to clean up the town, and the lid question is the biggest component. Smith said the trash needs to be off the ground and into cans. There are also trash boxes that are becoming an eyesore because loose trash is collecting in the containers. The ordinance that was passed at the previous meeting states that the trash must be in a container with a water tight lid.

Sheehan made a motion to amend trash ordinance 2012-5 with the following amendments to the wording in the ordinance:

- A. Containers shall contain either trash bags or trash cans. **DELETING: "WITH WATER TIGHT LIDS".**
- B. The containers shall inhibit the entry of water, birds, or domestic or wild animals. **DELETING: "HAVE SECURE LIDS AND MUST HAVE TIGHT FITTING LIDS".**

Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Drainage Board Appointment** – Mayor Pavey informed the Board that Judge Northam has named Bob Orme as the replacement on the Drainage Board.

**Personnel Policy Handbook** – The Board of Works recommended to approve the changes to the Personnel Policy Handbook with the addition in the Group II Rules to add may be suspended **"with or without pay"**. Sheehan made a motion to approve Ordinance 2012-6 Amending the Employment Handbook. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.

*Councilman Berkemeier left the meeting.*

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Housing Program** – Deb Lilly from Administrative Resources explained to Council a grant program for homeowners. Lilly stated this is an "aging in place program" for modifications to homes. She said there would be a 10% match and this would come from the Community Improvement Redevelopment Fund. She said this would be for home owners age 55 and older and is based on section 8 guidelines. She asked Council's blessing to advertise to provide public informational meetings. Bridges made a motion to allow ARA to move forward with the public informational meetings for this project. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Group Workcamp** – Chip West said they have scheduled a workcamp again this year during the week of July 8-14. There will be approximately 442 teens and adults working on

various projects on approximately 70 homes. West thanked the Mayor and Council for their support and invited them to come by and visit with the workers.

**Transfer Resolution 2012-2** – Bridges made a motion to approve Resolution 2012-2 transferring money in the Board of Works budget. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Brackney Claim** - Pavey said there has been a law suit which relates back to the annexation South of Town. Pavey has been notified by Brackney's attorney, David Vornehm, that Brackney is willing to accept a payment of \$13,928.49 as settlement. This amount is currently being held in escrow.

**Claim Approval** – Smith made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There was no further business to come before Council; Bridges made a motion to adjourn. Conner seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

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MICHAEL P. PAVEY, MAYOR

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BRIAN G. CONNER, MEMBER

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CRAIG A. SMITH, MEMBER

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BRADLEY A. BERKEMEIER, MEMBER

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BRIAN J. SHEEHAN, MEMBER

ATTEST:

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ANN L. COPLEY, CLERK-TREASURER